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July 2, 2003

Honorable Deborah Tate  
Chairman  
Tennessee Regulatory Authority  
460 James Robertson Parkway  
Nashville, TN 37243-0505

Re: *Application of RBS Gas Utility, Inc. to Transfer Ownership and Control*  
Docket No. 03-00428

Dear Chairman Tate:

Please find enclosed for filing the original and thirteen copies of the Application of RBS Gas Utility, Inc. to Transfer Ownership and Control as stated above. A \$25.00 check has been enclosed to cover the cost of filing.

Please call me if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

BOULT, CUMMINGS, CONNERS & BERRY, PLC

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**BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY  
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE**

**July 2, 2003**

IN RE: Application for Approval of Transfer of Ownership and Control )  
 ) Docket No. \_\_\_\_\_

## APPLICATION OF RBS GAS UTILITY, INC.

RBS Gas Utility, Inc. ("RBS"), submits the following application to the Tennessee Regulatory Authority requesting approval of a change in ownership and control pursuant to T.C.A. § 65-4-113(b).

RBS is a provider of natural gas in Macon County, Tennessee and operates pursuant to a certificate of convenience and necessity issued by the Tennessee Regulatory Authority.

On December 26, 2002, a Stock Sale Agreement was executed transferring all outstanding shares of common stock in RBS from W. E. Hathorn and Dianne S. Hathorn to Edward R. Ayers. The name of the company remains RBS Gas Utility, Inc. Its corporate headquarters, formerly in Prentiss, MS, were duly transferred to the following address: Post Office Box 1506, Madison, MS 39130. This change will have no impact on the rates and services of RBS in Tennessee and will be transparent to customers.

The transfer of control of RBS from the former shareholders to the current shareholder will not affect the certificate which will still be held by RBS. Prior owner W. E. Hathorn is assisting the new owner Ed Ayers in an advisory capacity, thus assuring continuity in business practices. As previously stated, this change in ownership of the stock will have no impact on Tennessee rates and services and will be transparent to customers.

WHEREFORE, RBS requests approval from the Authority to authorize the transfer of the stock of RBS from W.E. and Dianne Hathorn to Edward R. Ayers.

Respectfully submitted,

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